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The following directives regarding religion were issued by the Communist Party of Yugoslavia in Zone B, Free Territory of Trieste:

- a. The fight against the church must continue.
- b. No member of the Party may allow his children to be baptized in church nor may he attend church nor receive any religious rites.
- c. No member of the Party may allow his children to receive religious teaching.
- d. Each Party member must work to convince others that the church opposes progress; that the priests do nothing but look after their own material interests; that the church leads the people to reaction.¹

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1. In this regard it is interesting to recall that during an interview with foreign newspapermen on 9 September 1951, Tito made the following remark on the religious question: "With us, religion as such is not persecuted; everyone has the right to follow his own faith."

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